PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ARNE GODAL et al

CHAPT II Filing

Appln. No.: of PCT/GB99/01433

Group Art Unit: 0000

Filed: November 3, 2000

Examiner: Unknown

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CARBONACEAOUS SOLID

MATERIALS AND HYDROGEN-RICH GASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert

-- This application is a 371 of PCT/GB99/01433 filed May 8, 1999. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-14.

Please add the following new claims:

-- Claim 15. A method of producing solid carbonaceous $C_x H_{Y, x}$ wherein x and y are the average number of carbon and hydrogen atoms respectively and the ratio of x:y is greater than 2.5:1, wherein a hydrocarbon fuel comprising bulk feedstock fuel and flame fuel, is heated with oxygen at a C:O stoichiometric ratio